

PATENT APPLICATION

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

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<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Sub Class</u>
4,900,948	Feb 1990	Hamilton	307	149
5,103,168	April 1992	Fuoco	324	158
5,659,245	August 1997	Ping et al.	324	158.1
5,796,246	August 1998	Poh et al.	324	73.1

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